Difficulties due to barbed fencing

2631. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) in how many States Government are carrying on the barbed wire fencing on the international border;

(b) whether Government have received any complaint from any State Government to the effect that the gates on the barbed wire fencing are not operated according to the needs of the people whose land properties have fallen in the Indian territory beyond the fencing;

(c) if so, the names of the States;

(d) whether the B.S.F. be instructed to regulate the gates in consultation with the local panchayats and local administration; and

(e) the policy Government to remove the difficulties faced by the border people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) The Government of India have undertaken the construction of fencing on India-Pakistan and India-Bangladesh borders in nine bordering States.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The question does not arise.

(d) and (e) As per Standing Operating Procedure formulated by BSF, local farmers who intend to cultivate their fields, are allowed to go across the fence in a regulated manner. BSF field formations have been instructed to fix the timings for opening/closing of fencing gates in consultation with the local panchayats and elected representatives of the area.

Bomb Blasts at Jama Masjid in Delhi

2632. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons who were killed and seriously injured separately, due to bomb blasts at Jama Masjid in Delhi on 14th April, 2006;